

ILLEGITIMACY.

By an arrangement with the Registrar-General all illegitimate births are notified to Child Welfare Officers, who investigate all cases and seek to advise and assist the mother where possible.

The following table shows the result of such investigations:—

TABLE 13.

District.	Illegitimate Births in New Zealand for Year ended 31st December, 1936.	Illegitimate Births notified to Child Welfare Officers for Year ended 31st March, 1937.	Illegitimate Births investigated during Year ended 31st March, 1937.	Not traced or investigated during Year ended 31st March, 1937.	Illegitimate Children aged One Year or less brought under Infants Act for Year ended 31st December, 1936.	Illegitimate Children aged One Year or less committed to the Care of the Superintendent for Year ended 31st March, 1937.	Illegitimate Children under Six Years of Age in Licensed Foster-homes at 31st December, 1936.
North Auckland ..	44	47	43	4	3	..	13
Auckland	223	195	186	9	2	4	76
South Auckland ..	107	58	53	5	8	1	25
Gisborne and Poverty Bay	27	20	20	..	3	..	8
Hawke's Bay	47	43	40	3	1	..	10
Hawera and Taranaki ..	50	44	44	..	..	2	17
Wanganui	37	26	24	2	6	..	15
Palmerston North ..	71	47	43	4	2	..	15
Wellington and Manawatu	185	183	178	5	55	7	141
Nelson and Marlborough ..	30	21	21	..	1	..	14
West Coast (South Island)	21	11	11	..	3	..	8
North Canterbury ..	148	133	126	7	35	15	65
South Canterbury ..	26	21	21	..	10	4	20
Otago	65	61	61	..	9	2	43
Southland	45	31	30	1	26	2	26
Totals	1,126	941	901	40	164	37	496

Total number of births, 24,837 (exclusive of Maoris). Illegitimate births, 1,126=4.533 per cent. of total births.

TABLE 14.—PARTICULARS OF EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Item.	Otekaike.	Richmond.	Total.
	£	£	£
Salaries	7,361	2,398	9,759
Advertising, &c. ..	13	21	34
Maintenance of buildings ..	1,276	742	2,018
Maintenance of institutions ..	4,802	1,906	6,708
			18,519
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	..	..	680
Postage and telegrams .. ..	..	..	100
Less—			19,299
Board of staff	1,010	284	
	1,294		
Recoveries (parental contributions and revenue from farm, sale of articles manufactured, &c.) ..	1,848		3,142
			£16,157

TABLE 15.—EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, SUMNER, FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

	£	£
Salaries	5,925	
Advertising, &c. ..	15	
Maintenance of pupils and sundry expenses ..	1,858	
Travelling-expenses	315	
Maintenance of buildings, furnishings, &c. ..	487	
		8,600
Less—		
Parental contributions and amount received from Hospital and Charitable Aid Board	1,808	
Board of staff	415	
Miscellaneous	12	
		2,235
		£6,365

The net expenditure for year ended 31st March, 1936, was £5,531.